

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6, 12-14, 16-20, 23-27, 29, and 30 are pending in the present application. Applicants acknowledge with thanks that the Examiner has allowed the pending claims. Claims 2, 6, 12, 16, and 17 have been amended to incorporate the Examiner's suggestions to overcome the objections based on informalities.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

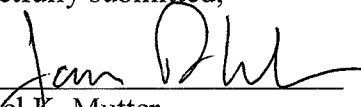
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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